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September 12, 1851.

A Word for the Birds. The Lightning of the Telegraph is invoked .requent discharges of guns towards sunset, on the Island, are not only in violation of law, but the worst policy, as regards the comfort of adults and little ones. The nighthawk and the cluded in the above statement, many have fallen swallow are destroying the mosquitoes and gnats by thousands, and yet these friends on the wing are to be roasted for their good qualities and kind offices. But such is perverted human nature; and until reason and justice shall assume their proper sway, while some may deplore, "the schoolmaster abroad upon the earth" has yet much to do on the score of hu-CORNELIA. manity.

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THE TWELFTH OF SEPTEMBER .- The Balti-

nore Patriot of yesterday says: "This is the anniversary of the battle of North Point, where thirty-seven years ago the Defenders of Baltimore, commanded by General Samuel Smith, achieved their memorable victory over the British army, under command of Gen-eral Ross. The British army, in a fleet of naval mand of General Stricker, who had been de-spatched by General Smith, with about two thousand men, for the purpose of stopping their progress to the city of Baltimore. In the skir-mish which here took place, General Ross was minutes, took place. General Stricker then where General Smith was stationed with the the entrenchments, but failing in this, he wisely retreated, and re-embarked with his army at North Point

"The British naval force found it impossible to pass Fort McHenry, and also retired. The victory of the American army was signal and decisive; and whilst the retreat of the British army gave great joy to the people of Baltimore, it taught them that on the citizen soldiers they

might rely with perfect confidence for safety.

This day, thus rendered memorable by the triumph of the American arms, and endeared o every citizen of Baltimore by the successful defence of the city from the ravages of a hos-tile army, is our city boliday. The survivors of the Defenders celebrate it, and the military companies of the city join with them. They made a splendid display to-day. It was gratifying to see that so many of the veterans still survive to do honor to the day, and to recognise in their firm step the sign of good health, which we trust will long continue to be their blessing, and thus keep them among us to celebrate each returning anniversary of the Battle of North

THE RIGHT KIND OF A CONSUL .- A Capadian paper, commenting upon the late summary masacre of Americans in Havana, says that the impression is prevalent that had a British or French man-of-war been lying in the harbor, as was the United States sloop of war Albany, and had a British or French Consul been in the city, such a wholesale massacre of British or French subjects would not have taken place. It then relates the following anecdote:

In 1820, two English sailors who had committed a crime in Havana were about to be shot. They were clearly guilty, but the British Consul insisted that they should be tried. This the government refused. The Consul remonstrated, and the Captain General became insolent. The hour of execution came, and the Consul was on the spot; he brought with him the consular flag, the British "Union Jack," but in vain. The officer on the plaza was about to proceed in the execution of his duty. The Consul, finding all further remonstrance useless, placed himself in front of the men, unfolded the Union Jack, which he threw over the kneeling prisoners, and said, " Now shoot at that flag if you They were remanded to prison, and that night they escaped.

It is very natural that the most intense indignation should be felt by the American peo-ple against the present American Consul at Havana, but if it should turn out that he only acted according to the instruction of his Government, much of the opprobrium will be removed from him. No doubt when Congress Consul Owens had special instructions from the with her. Government to act as he is reported to have done .- N. Y. Sun.

There is more pleasure in giving than receiving some things—as, for instance, medicine, kicks and advice.

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH THE FALL OF LOFEZ.—The Rochester Daily Times quotes our article on this subject, and

"We commend the above sensible remarks to existing law in relation to bakers' bread was all those who can see no difference between under consideration in the lower Board, (being crime and defeat. There can be little doubt that, had the Cuban invaders and revolters been sufficiently numerous for complete success, they would have been classed with the heroes of the the upper Board, but without success. I be-lieved at that time that it was the true princi-ple to adopt, and I have no reason since to idea that he called around him a band of robbers for the avowed purpose of plunder. believe he returned to Cuba to free the unhappy inhabitants of that beautiful island from a tyranny the most galling that ever existed. He

> blunder in venturing upon an expedition so perilous without a greater certainty of success. But he may have had assurances which seemed to him reliable that we know not of.
> "But the Cuban drama is over for the present. Whether the late movements will accelerate or retard the freedom of that isle we cannot now conjecture; but that the people of Cuba will be free at no distant day is a moral certainty. The leaven of freedom has begun to work, and the independence of the island will sooner or later be the consequence."

RUM IN NEW YORK .- A record kept in New York shows that the deaths by delirium tremens and similar causes in that city, for the last twelve months, were 150. Only a portion of the deaths from intemperance is reported by physicians, who, out of regard to the feelings of families, generally report them under the name of apoplexy, congestion of the brain, &c. The most of those on record are reported from Coro-ner's inquests and hospitals. With this view of the case, the 150 deaths above stated may be taken as the record of 350 to 450 deaths during give thanks that it is no worse." the twelve months. To these may be added a large portion of those who are "found drowned, and we shall have from 500 to 600 from intemperance every twelve months. But there are scores of accidents which occur while parties are intoxicated, which are reported under the head of "Casualties," which must be added to the above. During the twelve months inand "fractured the skull," "broken the neck," "fallen down stairs," &c., the addition of which will form a large figure in the sum total. There were nine murders during the same time, caused by rum, and nearly ten thousand five-day commitments for drunkenness; nearly as arrests for disorderly and riotous conduct and assault and battery, and other offences against public order. The last quarterly report of the chief of police gives over five thousand arrests which are chargeable to intemperance.

SLAVERY ABOLISHED IN NEW GRENADA.-The recent law by which slavery is abolished throughout the Republic will go into effect on the 1st of next January. It provides that "all persons liberated shall be entitled to the same privileges, and governed by the same laws, as are other citizens of New Grenada. No slave under forty-five years shall be valued at a greater sum than one thousand six hundred reals if a male, vessels, ascended the Chesapeake bay, and the army landed at North Point, where they were met by the American forces, under the comshall not exceed one thousand two hundred reals, and a female slave eight hundred reals, which compensation is to be paid to the owners by the government." The Bogota Gazette (official) says a decree has been addressed to the Boards of Manumission, which specifies the manner in killed. The British army, under command of Colonel Brooks, continued to advance, and a carried out. The slave, whose owner is not be liberated without farther legal proceedings; the enlargement. retired with his force, to the entrenchments, and the boards will have the authority to promain army. Here Colonel Brooks exhausted his skill to withdraw the American army from will receive a remuneration, to be apportioned will receive a remuneration, to be apportioned from the funds appropriated by law for this purpose. The price of the slave must previously be ascertained by two appraisersappointed by the board, and the other by the The owner. The same journal says that a loan has been negotiated between the government and Mr. Theodore Moore, for the sum of 625,000 francs, at a rate of interest of twelve per cent. per annum. We suppose this is to carry out the provisions of the law.

Successor to Judge Woodbury .- The newspapers have already nominated candidates for the vacant seat on the bench of the United States Supreme Court. The New York Mirror states that they have already heard the names of Whipple, of Rhode Island, Choate and Curtis, of Boston, announced; and further says, it is a fine opening for a lawyer who can afford to sacrifice money for dignity, the salary being only \$4,500. We have heard the name of Judge Sprague mentioned in connexion with the ap-

REMEDY FOR DYSENTERY .- The Leonardtown Beacon says:

"A gentleman of our acquaintance, who has satisfactorily tested the matter, informs us that sweet oil and laudanum is an almost infallible remedy for the dysentery, if administered in the early stages of the disease. The quantity for a grown person is about twenty-five drops of laudanum to a large table-spoonful of sweet oil. A single dose will usually effect a cure.'

The Southside Railroad, Va., invites propo miles of this road, commencing at Farmville and extending westward: the work to be let in the town of Farmville, on the 15th day of October. The Petersburg Intelligencer thinks the whole line from that city to Lynchburg will be finished in the course of eighteen months

We learn from the Philadelphia Bulletin that the Chevalier Hulseman, Minister from Austria, will shortly lead to the hymeneal altar a lovely and accomplished American lady from the Sunny South

Mr. Hackett, our countryman, is playing his concluding engagement at the Haymarket, (London,) preparatory to coming home; he has had great success. Brooke, the tragedian, Thackeray, the novelist and lecturer, Laura Addison and Anderson, the actors, will probably come over about the same time. Mrs. Warner is already here, as are also Hudson and Anna Thillan, (who are to sing at Niblo's, we believe,) and Catharine Hayes is on the assembles an inquiry will be made as to whether seas, hitherward bound, and young Braham

> ROBBED. -The editor of the Uniontown (Pa.) Genius of Liberty was relieved of his pocket-book at a camp-meeting last week. It is almost

International Copyright. - A treaty of this kind has been concluded between France and Austria. They are more just to authors than is our Government.

The New Governor .- The number of strangers present at the inauguration of Lazarus W. Powell, as Governor of Kentucky, on the 2d inst., is estimated at fifty thousand. The inaugural address is said to be an excellent one.

Seventy Hungarian exiles, who went up in the steamboat Isaac Newton, on the 10th inst., were promptly passed over the railroads from Albany to Buffalo, FREE.

Personal.—Hon. Edward Stanly, of North Carolina, has arrived in Philadelphia, to join committed, as it seems to us, an unaccountable his family, now there.

Methodists .- A statistic article on Methodism in New England appears in Zion's Herald, which reports in the six Conferences 66,206 members and 559 preachers. Vermont has the largest number of members in proportion to the population, it being 1 to 21. The Methodist population of New England, including families, is estimated at nearly 400,000, or about equal to the population of Connecticut.

After the close of the Revolutionary war the British king ordered a thanksgiving to be observed throughout the kingdom. A minister of the Gospel inquired of him, "For what are we to give thanks? That your majesty has lost thirteen of your best provinces?" The king answered, "No." "Is it, then, that your ma-jesty has lost one hundred thousand lives of your best subjects?" "No, no," said the king. "Is it, then, that we have expended, and lost, an hundred millions of money, and for the defeat and tarnishing of your majesty's arms?" "No such thing," said the king, pleasantly. "What, then, is the object of the thanksgiving?" "Oh,

The Providence Journal says: "We have heard of the case of an adventurous rattlesnake which bit an old toper whose skin had been full of liquor for many years. The man was not hurt, but the snake died."

Public Parks .- The New York Board of Aldermen have finally passed the ordinance for a large Public Park, and there is no doubt of its passing the other branch of the Common Council, or of its approval by the Mayor. Those who have done their best to secure its adoption have a right to rejoice at the approaching realization of their desires; and those who inhabit New York fifty years hence will be grateful to the foresight which planned, and the energy and persistence which carried through such a

The New York Battery Enlargement, which

everybody supposed had been killed by the Mayor's veto, will probably be accomplished. Wednesday evening, the opinion in relation to this matter, of the counsel to the Corpora-tion, Henry E. Davies, esq., was presented to the Common Council. Mr. Davies pronounces the veto null and inoperative, and the ordinance providing for the enlargement perfectly valid and binding upon the city. The reason of this is, that whereas the charter provides that when the Mayor sees proper to veto any measure, his veto must be sent to that branch of the Common Council in which the measure originated; this was not done in the present case, consequently it was no veto at all, and the ordinance remains in force the same as if it had been tacitly passed over by the Mayor, or had even received his approbation. The Tribune learns that this is view not only of Mr. Davies, but of others among the most eminent jurists of the city. Such being the case, we presume no time will battle, which lasted about an hour and twenty capable of proving his right of ownership, shall be lost in beginning the preparatory labors of

> The population of Cuba is 1,200,000: that of Havana, its chief city, 125,000. Its surface is 54,000 square miles; that of Jamaica 6,000; that of Hayti 28,000. England, including Wales, is 55,100 square miles in extent; Scot-land 29,000; the State of New York 46,220.

Excellent .- Punch says, an astronomer being asked what the use of an eclipse was, replied-"Oh, I don't know, it gives the sun time for reflection.

A mad dog in Bridgeport entered a lady's school. The teacher had the presence of mind enough to pour a pitcher of water upon it, which threw it into convulsions, and gave time for the escape of herself and the children. An Appropriate Sign .- A man who had es-

tablished a tippling-house, being about to erect

his sign, requested his neighbor's advice in re-gard to an inscription for it. His friend replied, I advise you to write on it- 'Drunkards and Beggars made here." Ice exported from Boston in August eight thousand two hundred and forty-one tons; since January seventy-six thousand seven bun-

dred and fifty tons, being twenty thousand nine hundred and ninety-six tons increase over the same time in 1850. Chateaubriand says, "In new colonies the

Spaniards begin by building a church; the French a ball-room; and the English a tavern." A National Geographical and Statistical So-

ciety is about to be formed in New York. A curious claim has been put before the Judges of the London Exhibition. A crackbrained poet put a volume of songs and ballads

in the exhibition; everybody thought of course The Southside Railroad, Va., invites proposals from contractors for grading about thirty and bookbinding, but he insists upon it as a specimen of poetry per se, and now calls for the first prize for himself as the first of poets! A fire took place in a chemical warehouse, and the flames were spreading rapidly, when

they were instantly subdued by the accidental breaking of a demijohn of ammonia. A military company composed of colored citizens of Newark, New Jersey, has been duly organized, under the designation of the "Barber

British nautical pride has been lowered considerably by the Yankee yacht "America.

The Boston Commonwealth has a new motto: Trust to the People;" a singular one for a paper which requires payment invariably in ad-

We have very often been shocked, while read-

ing "thrilling tales of the sea," to perceive the indifference with which the author tells us about the "winds whistling through the shrouds! as if such wanton levity did not deserve a re-

buke. Never wish a thing done; but do it.

Ere the morning's busy ray Calls you to your work away, Ere the silent evening close Your wearied eye in sweet repose, To lift your heart and voice in prayer Be your first and latest care.